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With all due respect,

I strongly oppose the USDOJ's settlement with Microsoft. The settlement, to my knowledge, does nothing to end this company's monopoly of PC OS software. To truly create competition in operating system software, Microsoft should be forced to reveal its APIs and Windows source code to the extent that programmers can adapt other operating systems to natively run applications designed for Windows in their own OS. This would include UNIX, MacOS, Linux, OS2, and all the other great operating systems that have struggled to survive despite Microsoft's anticompetitive monopolistic practices.

As for Microsoft's other misdeeds, the company should be forced to release software that gives the user more control over what components are part of Windows. For example - I hate Internet Explorer and want it off my computer. I despise IE and the hidden index.dat files that it saves in my Temporary Internet Files/content.ie5 and History/history.ie5 hidden folders, and I want the option of removing this extraneous software that I consider malicious code. I also believe that the authorization component for Windows XP should be removed because \*\*\*I should not have to tell a software company if I am uninstalling software from one computer and installing it on another\*\*\* - this is a blatant violation of my privacy and a betrayal of a "captive audience," namely the computing public.

Please bring this company to justice and end its monopoly,  
Joe Ogletree